

# Shooter, Driver In 2015 3rd Street Shooting Sentenced To Prison

*Gun Possessions, Other Charges Lead To Prison In Other Cases*

Two Wilmington men will go to prison after receiving sentences for their roles in a 2015 shooting and a high-speed police chase. Deputy Attorneys General Cynthia Hurlock and Katherine Butler secured the sentences against 25-year-old Troy Gee and 19-year-old Elijah Warren, both of Wilmington. In November 2015, Gee and a second individual fired a total of 23 rounds in the direction of a crowd of children at 3rd and Harrison Streets in Wilmington. Bullets struck the intended adult victim, as well as a 13-year-old child playing in the street, and only narrowly missed others who were in the area. Gee, one of the two shooters, was arrested with two other men the next day following a lengthy vehicle pursuit through the city. Four guns and over 200 rounds of ammunition were seized from the suspects' vehicle. Gee pled guilty in Superior Court in March to Assault First Degree, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and two counts of Conspiracy Second Degree. Barred from having a gun because of numerous previous felony convictions, including weapons convictions, Gee's sentence was 14 years in prison, followed by 1 year of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Warren, who was the getaway driver for the shooters, entered a guilty plea in Superior Court in March to charges of Assault Second Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Reckless Endangering First Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree. He was sentenced by a judge to 3½ years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation.

Bryan Biggs, an 18-year-old associate in the Shoot to Kill (STK) gang was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 7 years in prison for Assault First Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In June 2016, two men were involved in a fight in the 1300 block of North Walnut Street, when Briggs, who was sitting nearby, jumped in and started shooting, hitting the victim in the abdomen and neck. Briggs pled guilty in March, and was sentenced to 7 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Hurlock prosecuted the case.

A Wilmington man received a 15-year prison sentence from a judge as a habitual offender for a gun charge after officers found guns and drugs in his home. Deputy Attorney General John Taylor secured the sentence for 40-year-old Arthur Torres of Wilmington. In August 2016, officers executing a search warrant at Torres' home in the 900 block of East 17th Street saw Torres throw a gun from a bedroom window. During the search, police found a loaded .38 caliber revolver as well as drugs and drug paraphernalia. Torres, prohibited from having a gun because of previous felony convictions, pled guilty in Superior Court in March to Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Drug Possession.

Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Hurlock secured a prison sentence for Corey Brooks, 25, of Wilmington, on drug and weapons charges. In November 2015, the FBI Safe Streets Task Force executed a search warrant in Brooks's apartment in the 1100 block of West 5th Street in Wilmington, finding heroin, cutting agents, marijuana, and a loaded .25-caliber handgun. Brooks, who is prohibited from having a gun because of previous drug and weapons convictions, pled guilty in September 2016 to Aggravated Possession of Heroin (Tier Four) and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. Brooks was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 5 years and 2 months in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or

work release, then 18 months of probation. In addition to the FBI Task Force, the case was investigated by the Wilmington Police Department and is a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program (HIDTA) case.